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Mail Stop Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: Herewith (March 31, 2004)
For: **Method for Fragment Preparation**
Inventors: LUDINGTON *et al.*
Our Ref: 1866.0500000/PEG/CMB

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time;
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Method for Fragment Preparation

and naming as inventors:

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the application comprising:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. specification containing:
 - i. 18 pages of description prior to the claims;

- ii. 5 pages of claims (25 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - c. 16 sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2A-2B, 3-6, 7A-7C, 8A-8B and 9-13); and
4. Two (2) return postcards.

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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